



Australian Government
Australian Maritime Safety Authority

APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY CLOSURE OF REGISTRATION

Shipping Registration Act 1981
 Regulation 33

Official number	Ship's name	Home port
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

*Contact telephone number	*Email address (if any)
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Signature

I hereby apply for the closure of registration of the ship described above, which is either
 (a) a ship that is not required to be registered under the Act or
 (b) a ship that has been granted an exemption from the requirement to be registered.

Date

Place

Signature of owner or registered agent (see note 1 below)

If the applicant is a corporation, the document may be formally executed under the corporate seal. Alternatively, an officer of the corporation may sign it, endorse it with a legible statement of his/her name and designation and have the signature witnessed.

Signature of witness

Name of witness

Address of witness

Note

1. This form not required when ship sold to a non-Australian, please refer to guide "Closure of Registration".
2. If the ship is Australian-owned this application must be signed by the owner, or if the ship belongs to more than one person, by a person appointed by owners the sum of whose interests are equal to not less than 33 shares.
 If the ship is foreign-owned this application must be signed by the ship's registered agent.
3. The completed application form must be lodged with the ship's Registration Certificate.
4. The application and Registration Certificate should be sent to:
 The Registrar of Ships
 Australian Shipping Registration Office
 PO Box 2181
 Canberra City ACT 2601
 Telephone (02) 6279 5921 Facsimile (02) 6279 5922

Except where indicated by * the information requested in this form is required by the *Shipping Registration Act 1981*. It will be used for the purposes of the Act and will be available for search. It may be made available to government agencies for statistical and administrative purposes.

In accordance with Commonwealth Government policy businesses employing fewer than 20 people are invited to provide information on the time spent completing forms. If this applies to you, please indicate the time spent completing this form. mins



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Closure of Registration

The purpose of this guide is to outline the process of closing the registration of a ship. Details of closure requirements may be found in sections 58, 66, 67, 92 and 93 of the *Shipping Registration Act 1981* and in Shipping Registration Regulations 32 and 33.

Introduction

The *Shipping Registration Act 1981* requires a ship's owner or registered agent to notify the Registrar of Ships immediately if a ship ceases to be entitled to be Australian registered or if the ship is lost, broken up or taken by an enemy. The documentation that is to be lodged is described below.

Ship Ceases to be Entitled

- Notice by the owner that the ship has ceased to be entitled to be registered, together with details of the circumstances (e.g. the name, address and nationality of the buyer); and
- A certified or notarised copy of the bill of sale or other document that transferred ownership.

The Australian Registration Certificate must be returned to the Shipping Registration Office as soon as possible.

Ship is lost, etc

Notice by the owner describing the event that has occurred.

The Australian Registration Certificate must be returned to the Shipping Registration Office as soon as possible.

Voluntary Closure

Ships that belong to a class that is not required to be registered, may be deregistered upon lodgement of an application for closure made by the owner.

Voluntary closure applies only to:

- pleasure craft;
- fishing vessels;
- government-owned ships;
- foreign-owned ship that are on demise (bare boat) charter to Australian operators; and
- ships that are less than 24 metres in overall length.

The owner must lodge the following documentation:

- an application for closure of registration; and
- the Australian Registration Certificate.

Effect of Closure on Registered Mortgages

If the ship is subject to a registered mortgage, the Registrar is obliged to give the mortgagee notice of the closure. The registration in relation to the mortgage is not deemed to be closed until 60 days after the mortgagee receives the Registrar's notice. However, the *Shipping Registration Act 1981* provides that the mortgagee may apply to the Supreme Court of an Australian State or Territory in relation to this time limit, to the disposal of the ship, the distribution of proceeds of sale, and to the registration of the ship.

Deletion Certificates

Upon receipt of a written request together with the fee of \$A50, a deletion certificate can be granted relating to a ship whose registration is closed. There is no provisional deletion certificate.

The deletion certificate comprises three documents:

- a certificate stating that the ship is not Australian registered and stating the circumstances of its closure of registration;
- a statement of the registered ownership and mortgages in force at the time of closure; and
- the registered description of the ship at the time of closure.

Deletion certificates can be granted immediately after closure of registration, if the Registrar has received a written request and the fee.

Payment

The GST does not apply to services supplied by the Shipping Registration Office.

Cheques should be made payable to: AUSTRALIAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY

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